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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REQUEST UNDER RULE 48(a)

The Office is requested to the correct inventorship to include the following
inventors:

Geert MAERTENS,
Erik DEPLA; and
Fons BOSMAN.

The present request is being filed pursuant to Rule 48(a) and a Statement from
each person being added and from each person being deleted as an inventor that the error
in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on their part. Moreover, an oath or
declaration by the actual inventors is attached. The processing fee set forth in Rule 17(i),
pursuant to Rule 48(a)(4) is attached. A written consent of the assignee is also attached
along with a copy of a newly executed Assignment from the newly named inventor, Erik

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DEPLA, to the assignee Innogenetics N.V. The attached Assignment is also being recorded concurrently in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

Grant of the present request and issuance of a new Filing Receipt indicating the above-identified inventors are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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